

APPENDIX.

A.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE DIRECTORS, APPROVED BY THE BOARD, ON THE COURSE OF STUDY.

To the Board of Directors of the Congregational College: the committee appointed on the 17th ult., to consider the reference by the Annual Meeting of certain proposed changes in the Course of Study, beg leave to report:—

I. That at a meeting whereat all the members of the committee were present, the changes proposed by the late board and those suggested by a Committee of the Subscribers were severally considered.

That the committee, while fully agreeing with the latter body in the conviction that it is desirable that all candidates for admission into our Theological Seminary should have first "graduated at one of our Provincial Colleges," or else have attained to "an equivalent literary status," are nevertheless constrained to believe that in the present condition of the country, and with the prospect our churches can hold out to those who are called to the ministry among them, such a demand, if made, would not be met. In this opinion they are fortified by the similar conviction which prevails among other bodies, even more favourably situated than our own for exacting such terms. Your committee, therefore, are convinced that the "special cases," in which it is proposed that "the Board of Directors shall have power to suspend the general rule," would be so numerous as to make the rule itself of no value, and, at the same time, to impose on the Directors from year to year, a most difficult and invidious task in making distinctions for which no definite principle had been laid down.

Your committee recommend, as more suitable to our present circumstances, the plan proposed by the late Board to the last Annual Meeting, with certain modifications. The adoption of this course would save us from any evils that might arise from too frequent and sudden organic changes, and, at the same time, would leave the way open for the adoption of the higher requirement suggested, when it can safely be made; for, by simply omitting the two years of the Literary Course, the arrangements for Theological instruction would be available, without further change, for the more advanced plan which we have judged to be premature.

II. That with the modifications suggested by fuller consideration of the subject, the plan we recommend would be comprised in the following articles:

1. That the College Course be divided into two parts, viz.: a Literary Course of two sessions, and a Theological Course of three sessions.

2. That candidates who are graduates of any University, or who can satisfy the Board of their being otherwise possessed of sufficient acquirements, may be at once admitted to the Theological Course.

3. That applicants for admission to the full Course be required to pass an examination in the ordinary branches of an English Education, in *Cæsar*, (*de Bello Gallico*, Bk. I.), in the Greek Grammar, and in Euclid's *Elements* (Bk. I.)

4. That Candidates otherwise deemed eligible for admission to the College, but unable to meet the demands just specified, may, in the discretion of the Directors, be provided by the College with assistance during a course of preparatory study.